

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 7-13, and 15-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7-13, and 15-20 are allowed. Claims 24-25 are indicated as having allowable subject matter. Claim 24 has been cancelled. Claims 8, 21, and 25 have been amended. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth herein.

1. Claims 21, 23, and 26 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,730,892 issued to Anderson in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,211,462 issued to Wolfthal.

Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the claim limitations of dependant claim 24, which has been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if re-written in independent form to include all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 24 has been cancelled. Because all of the claim limitations of claim 24 and its intervening claims have been added to claim 21, the combination of Anderson in view of Wolfthal does not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations of claim 1. Removal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully requested.

Claims 23 and 26 depend from independent claim 21. As previously discussed, claim 21 has been amended to include all of the claim limitations of dependant claim 24, which has been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if re-written in independent form to include all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Because the combination of Anderson in view of Wolfthal does not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations of amended claim 21, the combination of Anderson in view of Wolfthal does not teach or suggest all of the claim

limitations of claims 23 and 26. Removal of the rejection of claims 23 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully requested.

2. Claims 27 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,730,892 issued to Anderson in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,211,462 issued to Wolfthal and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,755,018 issued to Heng.

Claim 27 depends from independent claim 21. As previously discussed, claim 21 has been amended to include all of the claim limitations of dependant claim 24, which has been indicated by the Examiner as being allowable if re-written in independent form to include all the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Because the combination of Anderson in view of Wolfthal and further in view of Heng does not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations of amended claim 21, the combination of Anderson in view of Wolfthal and further in view of Heng does not teach or suggest all of the claim limitations of claim 27. Removal of the rejection of claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is respectfully requested.

3. Because claim 25 now depends from a cancelled claim, claim 25 has been amended to depend from its base claim 21. Claim 8 has been amended to correct a grammatical error. Approval of these amendments by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments and arguments presented herein, the application is considered to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issue is respectfully requested.

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